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Teacher Eligibility Test
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to adopt any other practices on the lines of Central Teacher Eligibility Test to ensure quality of teachers in all the schools across the country;

(b) if so, the details of comprehensive steps taken/being taken to improve the quality of teachers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central Teacher Eligibility Test conducted by CBSE in the recent past was beset with errors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to give suitable compensation to the affected candidates and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to adopt any other practice on the lines of Central Teacher Eligibility Test to ensure quality of teachers in all the schools across the country.
(c): The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), notified as the academic authority under section 23(1) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has laid down the minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in classes I to VIII and made the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) mandatory for this purpose. Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) has to be conducted by the appropriate Government in accordance with the guidelines framed by NCTE. This is to ensure that persons recruited as teachers possess the essential aptitude and ability to meet the challenges of teaching at the primary and upper primary level.

(d): Recently, Central Teacher Eligibility Test was conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education on 20th September, 2015 which was an error-free, fair and smoothly conducted Test. There was no complaint about the quality, pattern, standard and framing of Questions. CBSE has devised a very transparent system and the candidates are given opportunity to send their feedback online, if any, on the Question Paper within stipulated time period.
(e): Since the Subject Experts after review of all challenges/feedback received from the candidates in the stipulated time were of the opinion that there was no error in the questions or answer key provided for public display, the issue of giving suitable compensation to the affected candidates does not arise.
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